



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.8  
Soil moisture supplies: 11% very short, 31% short, 45% adequate and 13% surplus

### Field Crops Report

High temperatures continued across the state. Statewide precipitation for the week averaged 1.00 inches, slightly below normal. Corn harvested reached 65 percent, 31 points ahead of the five-year average. Open cotton bolls climbed upwards to 42 percent, 20 points ahead of the 5-year average. Rice harvest reached 40 percent, 4 points above the five-year average. Rice producers reported yields ranging from good to excellent. Soybeans harvested reached 7 percent, 7 points ahead of the five-year average. Soybean producers sprayed for caterpillars and stinkbugs. Cercospora leaf blight continued to be reported in soybean fields. Planted sugarcane increased to 23 percent, 9 points ahead of the five-year average. Sugarcane producers sprayed for borers.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers spray to control insect and disease problems in tomato and bell pepper fields, and harvested cucumbers, okra, and tomatoes. Citrus producers continued to scout for insects.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen continued to combat armyworm infestation problems in pastures and hayfields. Hay continued to be in short supply in some areas, and cattlemen culled poor producers from their herds.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Corn	Mature	99	98	95	98
	Harvested	65	37	36	34
Cotton	Setting Bolls	99	94	100	99
	Bolls Open	42	18	16	22
Hay	Second cutting	91	87	70	79
Peaches	Harvested	97	90	99	100
Rice	Headed	98	97	96	97
	Ripe	73	44	61	66
	Harvested	40	18	28	36
Sorghum	Coloring	100	97	97	94
	Mature	86	68	85	73
	Harvested	66	43	31	32
Soybeans	Blooming	99	99	100	99
	Setting Pods	92	87	97	95
	Turning Color	40	25	41	44
	Dropping Leaves	22	6	16	25
	Harvested	7	0	0	0
Sugarcane	Planted	23	10	20	14

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	7	18	35	40	0
Cotton	2	15	28	50	5
Rice	0	2	25	55	18
Sorghum	1	1	30	68	0
Soybeans	2	11	31	50	6
Sugarcane	0	7	24	44	25
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	41	56	2
Livestock	6	6	34	46	8
Vegetables	8	24	40	27	1
Pasture	4	17	35	38	6

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/09/10 TO 08/15/10

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	102	76	89	83	0.00	0.70	17.80	33.23
Minden	100	76	88	82	0.00	3.74	23.55	35.71
Mooringsport	(103)	78	91	MM	0.00	1.41	25.83	29.29
Extreme/Average	103	76	89	83	0.00	1.95	22.39	33.89
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	101	75	87	83	0.00	7.24	22.69	36.24
Homer/Hill Farm	99	75	87	81	1.63	2.77	25.80	35.74
ULM-Monroe	101	76	89	83	0.00	2.74	25.35	37.83
Columbia Lock	101	75	88	MM	0.00	2.98	19.27	39.37
Extreme/Average	101	75	88	82	0.41	3.93	23.28	36.90
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	101	73	88	82	0.05	0.65	18.65	39.09
LSU-St Joseph	99	75	87	82	0.95	3.64	23.40	37.66
LSU-Winnsboro	103	76	88	82	0.07	5.12	21.71	37.23
Tallulah	99	(71)	85	82	0.76	3.01	24.21	38.90
Extreme/Average	103	71	87	82	0.46	3.11	21.99	38.17
4. West-Central								
Leesville	100	74	86	81	0.29	3.84	21.64	36.53
LSU-Rosepine	99	76	87	82	0.70	4.10	28.17	37.33
Natchitoches	103	79	91	83	0.16	0.99	18.11	35.38
Extreme/Average	103	74	88	82	0.38	2.98	21.64	35.99
5. Central								
Alexandria	101	77	88	83	0.39	3.82	29.40	38.22
Bunkie	100	75	88	82	0.01	0.54	30.11	39.56
LSU-Alexandria	100	76	88	82	0.35	1.67	26.57	36.76
Extreme/Average	101	75	88	83	0.25	2.01	28.69	38.71
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	96	73	84	MM	1.04	6.66	34.43	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	96	74	85	82	1.73	4.76	30.40	40.39
Amite	97	74	85	81	2.86	6.19	35.02	43.94
LSU-Hammond	96	74	84	82	3.83	9.65	31.56	42.45
Slidell	94	75	83	82	4.33	7.72	42.85	41.67
Extreme/Average	97	73	84	82	2.76	7.00	34.85	42.71
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	100	71	87	82	0.35	5.51	30.29	38.51
Jennings	96	77	86	82	1.20	5.96	31.38	37.51
LSU-Crowley	97	76	86	82	0.80	3.69	29.94	38.48
Extreme/Average	100	71	86	83	0.78	5.05	30.54	38.49
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	94	74	84	82	0.77	4.34	33.27	40.05
LSU-Jeanerette	96	74	85	81	1.74	4.41	39.08	40.14
Morgan City	93	76	84	81	1.45	2.91	22.07	41.52
Extreme/Average	96	74	84	83	1.32	3.89	31.47	40.69
9. Southeast								
Galliano	94	76	85	82	1.53	3.75	35.97	43.17
Houma	97	75	85	82	2.59	4.91	34.92	41.92
Terrytown 3S	98	75	85	MM	3.52	5.36	39.76	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	82	MM	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	43.43
Extreme/Average	98	75	85	83	2.55	4.67	36.88	41.94
State								
State Averages	103	71	87	83	1.00	3.90	28.49	38.76

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through August 15, 2010

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